

## REMARKS

### RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES:

On March 14, 2007, Applicant(s) filed a response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 22, 2006. In Applicants March 14, 2007 response, claims 1-22 were elected and identified as Groups, I-III. In this response Applicants reserved the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected Group IV claims 23-24, and indicated the election was "with traverse," but did not provide support or argumentation for such traverse. As of the date of this correspondence, Applicants have not provided support or argumentation of such traverse.

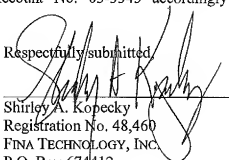
For purposes of clarification, particularly in view of the new rules that are effective November 1, 2007, in view of the absence in the file of any Applicant-provided support or argumentation for such traverse, Applicants contend and now clarify that the status of its March 14, 2007 election response is "without traverse". As such, Applicants thus reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected Group IV claims.

Please debit or credit Deposit Account No. 03-3345 accordingly for any additional fees or overcharges as necessary.

Date:

24th October 2007

Respectfully submitted,

  
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